THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) & (b) The Mahila Udayam Nidhi Scheme is not a Government sponsored Scheme. It was introduced by IDBI in July, 1989 for providing equity type of support to women entrepreneurs in the small scale sector. After the establishment of SIDBI in April, 1990, the operation of the scheme was taken over by this organisation and it continues to operate the scheme without any assistance from Government.

(c) The operation of the scheme has generally been successful as is evidenced by a steady increase over the years in the amount of assistance sanctioned thereunder.

Physical Control System in Tyre Industry

3982. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) wheher Government have made any assessment of the utility of physical control which was introduced in tyre industry in the year 1985;

(b) whether this has resulted in increase in excise duty collection from tyre industry; if so, the details of revenue increase since its introduction;

(c) whether Government have received any complaints from tyre industry during the last two years about harassment at the hands of excise staff posted in tyre factories; and

(d) whether Government propose to abolish or modify the physical control system in general and in tyre industry, in particular, if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Details of revenue collected from tyres and tubes since 1984-85 till date are given in the statement (see below). It is seen from these figures that introduction of physical control has been accompanied by better revenue collection.

(c) This Ministry has not received any complaints from tyre industry during the last two years about harassment at the hands of excise staff posted in tyre factories.

(d) The system of physical control has yielded results. As such, there is no move at present to abolish it.

Statement

Revenue from Tyres & Tubes

Year	(Rs. in Crores)
1984-85	410.06
1985-86	492.86
1986-87	520.39
1987-88	556.69
1988-89	675.56
1989-90	628.98
1990-91	803.37
1991-92	810.74
1992-93	1061.14

(Budget Estimate)

Financial crisis to States

3983. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West Bengal Government had to borrow Rs. 60 crore at usurious rate of interest from the private sector, Fearless Company to pay salary to its staff and in Kerala the treasury had to be closed for a few days and Bihar is facing similar situation;

(b) if so what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to avert financial crisis in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) A Government of West Bengal has reported that it, in fact, had not borrowed any money directly from any Private Financial institution. It had utilised a total amount of Rs 60 crores only deposited by the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Limited, a public sector financial institution. The above Institution borrowed money from Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Ltd., a private sector financial institution in 1992. The money was utilised by the State Government to meet its immediate commitments. The entire amount has already been repaid.

As Government of Kerala failed to clear its overdraft with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) within seven stipulated days, the payments on the State's account was suspended by the RBI on 3 occasions during 1992-93. The payment on Government of Kerala's account, on each occasion, was resumed by RBI as soon as the State cleared its overdraft with the RBI.

So far as Bihar is concerned, the State has gone into overdraft on 13 occasions during the current financial year. However, on no occasion, the State continued in overdraft for more than seven stipulated days. As such RBI did not suspend payments on behalf of the State Government on any occasion.

(b) Financial difficulties of the above States have arisen mainly on account of the imbalance between the States receipts and expenditure during the year.

(c) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to keep their expenditure within the framework of receipts so that they do not run into overdraft in their accounts with the RBI. However, Government of India have been helping the States to overcome their temporary ways and means difficulties by releasing, in advance, States entitlements, rephasing their Central loan repayment liability and by giving ways and means advances.

Theft from SBI local Head Office, New Delhi

3984. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some articles like copper name plates, and computers, were stolen by some people from the premises of the State Bank of India's Local Head Office in New Delhi;

(b) whether any action has been taken against the persons involved in these incidents;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is laxity in the security check at the premises; and there is no metal detector at the entrance; and

(d) what action his Ministry would take so that such incidents do not recur in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that some small sized brass name plates were found missing in the months of November-December, 1992. A computer printer was lost about four years ago. The Culprits have not been identified.

(c) and (d) SBI has denied any laxity in the security check up at the premises. However, there is no Metal Detector at the entrance. It has further tightened the security and the